

Vermont Child and Family Council for Prevention

**Annual Retreat
Stowe, VT**

**July 22, 2009
8:30am – 3:00pm**

AGENDA

- Welcome/ Introductions and Agenda
- Progress-to-Date
- Our Priorities
- Obstacles
- LUNCH
- Criteria for Action
- Action Planning (Phase One)
- Reflection and Next Steps

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OUR PROGRESS-TO-DATE:

- **Evaluated Council Responsibilities**

More focus needed for: *Promoting the Council*
 Committing to our role as advisors
 Maintaining membership
 Engaging youth

- *Explored Alternative Approaches to Meeting Structure*
- *Suspension of committees to provide more time for topical discussions*
- *Scheduled time for presentations*
- *Scheduling a meeting of multiple Department heads*
- *Analyzed strength and weakness of meetings*

Proposed: *Explore ways of working outside of monthly meetings*
 Shift committees to topical work groups
 Explored alternate approaches to youth input

- **Held Youth Forums**
- **Began to hear from members about their work.**
- **JJ Reform- Risks and needs assess.**
- **Restorative family group counseling**
- **Jurisdiction Study**
- **Safe and drug free- Evidence based in 6 communities**
- **3-Year Plan**
- **Shaken baby prevention grant**
- **DMC improvement focus (local Burlington project)**

INITIAL GROUP RESPONSE TO PROGRESS-TO-DATE:

- Work relationship w/ Governor's office and Administration to raise their awareness, especially in this election year
- Bring in the state partners
- Continue to access resources within this group
- Council as a voice for young children too
- Expand input base to include children (?)
- A collaborative model for prevention (?)

WHAT WE ARE MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT:

- JJ System Improvement
- Prevention
- Grants Management
- Positive Youth Development

OUR MAJOR PRIORITIES

1. Drive system improvement in mental health and substance
2. Advance Positive Youth Development
3. Pursue Juvenile Justice Jurisdiction reform
4. Address the impact of poverty on health and well-being
5. Improve Council infrastructure and procedures
 - A. Improve grant making process and revise requirements
 - B. Tap the expertise and passions of SAG members
 - C. Engage in ongoing effective compliance monitoring

OBSTACLES WE NEED TO ADDRESS:

LIMITED TIME & PEOPLE CAPACITY

commitment to grant review
prioritize this work for time
limited workforce
council not at capacity
collaboration w/ DO Education

FOCUS TOO BROAD

focus too big (poverty)
disconnected efforts (MH/SA)
lack of focus – multiple issues

FUNDS STRETCHED

statewide economic development
inadequate resources
cumbersome process to retrieve our tax money
enormous defense budget

UNCLEAR ABOUT WHAT TO MEASURE

no indicators of success re: plan
don't know how to best market (what?)
limited access to information
unwillingness to frontload funds for effective prevention programs

INSTITUTIONAL THINKING

entrenched historical context
lack political will – kids don't vote
mental mind set
state departments focus is only money
systemic resistance to change –jurisdiction
institutional thinking
PYD is harder than status quo
short-term thinking

OUR CRITERIA FOR ACTION:

- where we have passion & commitment
- urgent / timely/ addressed a clear gap
- doable / measurable
- sustainable
- a political must
- proven effective / evidence-based
- innovative/promising
- in partnership
- to have transparency in decision-making
- to be(come) educated / informed

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO IN THE NEXT YEAR TO MEET OUR PRIORITIES AND ADDRESS THE OBSTACLES?

COUNCIL CARE & COOKIES	GRANT-MAKING	EVALUATION PLANNING	ENGAGE PARTNERS	PR	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
<p>Think outside the box re: individual time commitment</p> <p>Keep motivation up</p> <p>Duties based on strengths</p> <p>Agree to passion(s)</p> <p>Extend invitation to potential members to fill gaps</p> <p>Council at full capacity</p>	<p>Targeted RFP's</p> <p>Examine our grant-making processes</p> <p>Examine the real costs/ impacts of promoting PYD</p> <p>Coordinate Grant Procedures</p> <p>Develop process to hear/ evaluate outcomes from grantees</p> <p>Aware of positive/ negative Funding Trends</p>	<p>How to meet (address) problems</p> <p>Connect and learn from other States</p> <p>Analyze and mkt. data and outcomes</p> <p>Define measures then evaluate</p> <p>What is done/ not done</p> <p>Follow- up on process</p> <p>Select top priorities</p> <p>ID clear Outcomes and Indicators</p> <p>Focus more on 3-Year Plan</p>	<p>Collaborate with Poverty Council</p> <p>Look to other groups to collaborate</p> <p>Input/ Updates from Partners</p> <p>ID Collaborative Partners (conventional and non)</p> <p>Develop Relationship w/ Legislature</p> <p>Get Ideas for system improvement from SAMHSA conversations</p> <p>Name 3 top partners</p> <p>Bring in non-council people on Committees</p>	<p>Media: ~ Policy Papers ~ Op Eds ~ Elevator Speech ~ Communications ~ Intern- plan</p> <p>Decide our Role in marketing</p> <p>Public Service Campaign on PYD</p> <p>Develop a speakers Bureau</p> <p>Go to Rotaries (ex. VT Business Roundtable)</p> <p>Free Marketing (from Champlain College, or other)</p>	<p>Develop training priorities for VVY conference</p> <p>Teach PYD</p> <p>Promote PYD among workforce</p>